Industries—foreign competition.

543. Mr. A. I. Mani.—(a) Is the Government aware that there are very many indigenous infant industries like sugar, matches, candle, cement etc., struggling for existence on account of foreign competition;

(b) if so, what have they done to relieve the distress either by way of financial help or by way of expert and technical advice?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Government are not aware; the information will be collected in the proposed Economic Survey.

(b) The question does not arise in view of answer to subdivision (a).

Educational facilities—Mulamkunnathukavu.

544. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether their attention has not been drawn to the paucity of educational facilities for the village of Choolisseri in the Mulakunnathukavu Constituency;

(b) whether anything has been done by the Government to bless the village with minimum educational facilities?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Inquiries go to show that no need for fresh schools is felt in this village.

Contribution towards maternity and child welfare work.

545. Mr K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether the Government were budgettiug or contributing any amount towards maternity and child welfare work in the last 10 years; and if so, when were they doing so;

(b) whether this has been done in recent years; and if not,

(c) when and why has it been given up?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes, in 1099 and 1100.

(b) No.

(c) Not since 1100. No special reasons.

Provision for free air within the Mattancheri Male Hospital compound.

546. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it will not be possible to purchase the land lying on the backwater side and close to the site of the Mattancheri

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Male Hospitalso that the Hospital when completed may satisfy all the hygienic conditions;

(b) if theanswer be in the negative, what actions do the Government intend taking in providing free air within the Hospital compound?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) No. For want of funds.

(b) No answer is called for in view of answer to (a)

Construction of a latrine near the Ferry Jetty at Ernakulam.

547. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) are not the Government aware of the great inconvenience of the public owing to the absence of a public latrine near the Ferry and Canal Jetty at Ernakulam;

(2) how distant from the jetty is the nearest public latrine;

(3) do the Government intend to construct a latrine near the jetty?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) 3¼ furlongs.

(3) The matter will be considered.

Assessment on second crops on single crop lands.

548. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whatis the total amount so far assessed for the current year an account of second crops on single crop lands; and

(b) how much of this amount has been actually collected so far?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Rs. 10,919—12—8 (Provisional).

(b) Rs. 2,610—7—10.

Penalty realised from defaulting tax-payers.

549. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state their income for the last one year realised from the ryots on account of their defaulting tax-payment and by way of the expenses for attachment notices, interest on the defaulted amounts and the like?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Rs. 2,344—10—0.

Income received in excess of budgetted anticipations.

550. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the particulars of income they have received in the current year over and above the anticipations in the budget for 108 and the channels of expenditure of the same they propose;

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